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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: CAPILLARY ELECTROPHORESIS CHIP  
APPARATUS FOR DETECTING  
NUCLEOTIDE POLYMORPHISM AND  
SINGLE NUCLEOTIDE POLYMORPHISM

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**FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION**

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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

This Preliminary Amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) for the above-referenced application. A final Office Action was mailed on July 9, 2008 ("the OA"), for which a response was due on October 9, 2008. Filed herewith is a Petition and fee for a one month extension of time, thereby extending the deadline for response to November 10, 2008 (November 9, 2008 falls on a Sunday). Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicants respectfully request entry of this Preliminary Amendment for the above-referenced patent application. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims, as amended, in light of the remarks presented herein are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 7 of this paper and replacement sheets are provided.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.